

January 14, 2006

Honorable Judge Susan Mollway
Hawaii Federal District Court
300 Ala Moana Blvd.
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Case #0400355SOM

Honorable Judge Mollway:

My name is Deane I. Hatakeyama. I am a physician providing primary health care services to the poor and medically indigent at the Waimanalo Health Center. I am writing in support of Radine Kawahine Kamakea-Ohelo who I have known since coming to work for the Health Center more than eight years ago.

For as long as I have known her, Kawahine has always impressed me with her vision and her sincere dedication to improving the plight of the homeless, the medically underserved, the marginalized people in her Community. The very existence today of the Waimanalo Health Center is a testament to the hard work and personal sacrifices this woman has made for the sake of the Health Center and the people it served. Kawahine's leadership and vision of what the Health Center could be to the Community and to the World was inspiring. Her leadership gave those of us toiling 'in the trenches' day after day the sense of being a part of something important that made our frequently challenging jobs endurable.

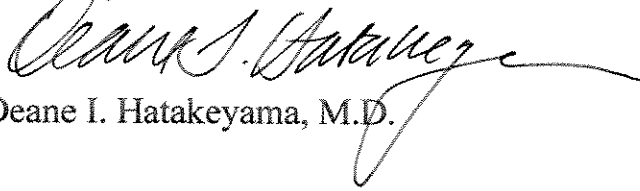
I am not familiar with all the details of the specifications against her. What I am sure of is that Kawahine did not act out of malice. She is one of the most generous and 'big hearted' people that I have ever met. What she may have lacked in management skills she more than made up for in 'Aloha'. Given what I have learned about her character in the time that I have known her, it does not surprise me that she now accepts the sole responsibility for the mismanagement of Health Center funds, in which the incompetence and dereliction of her subordinates appears to have played no small part. If there was something that she is clearly guilty of, it is that she trusted and

relied on people who apparently couldn't be trusted or relied upon to do their jobs.

I am respectfully asking the Court to show leniency toward Radine Kawahine Kamakea-Ohelo when it considers the sentence it will impose upon her. I am asking that the Court take into consideration Kawahine's long history of Community service and advocacy and the many lives that have benefited from her good works. I am asking that the Court consider that she alone has accepted responsibility for her part in the mismanagement of Health Center funds. I am hopeful that the Court will also take into account that Kawahine is a single parent of minor children when it decides on the term and location of her sentence.

I thank the Court for its consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deane I. Hatakeyama", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Deane I. Hatakeyama, M.D.